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Land Revenue Administration

Alleged irregular assignment of certain communal lands in the Udipi taluk, South Kanara.

* 551 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Achaladi Hola in Udipi taluk was conserved by the public of the four villages of Achaladi, Bannadi, Vaddarse and Kanady for manure and grazing purposes from time immemorial;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said waste land has been assigned for individuals in contravention of the public right; and

(*c*) what the policy of the Government is with reference to the assignment of communal lands like these in South Kanara?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) There is no special policy in regard to assignment of land which is used for communal purposes. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to B.S.O. No. 15 for the general rules regarding assignment of land and to paragaraph 40 of the same Board's Standing Order for the modifications in these rules in their application to South Kanara. A copy of the Board's Standing Order is available in the Council Library.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" In view of the serious hardship caused to the four adjoining villages on account of the de-communalization of this waste land, may I know whether the Hon. Member will call for the information and place it on the table of the House? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I have no information, Sir, whether what the hon. Member says is correct or incorrect."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—" May I know whether by thus conserving the waste land, the ryot does not get a right over the land? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I would ask the hon. Member to refer to the second part of the answer (*c*)."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether the information will be called for? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" It would I think, Sir, save much time, if the hon. Member represented the case to the Collector and the Board of Revenue."

Wireless Installations

Proposal to open radio stations in rural parts.

* 552 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government propose to open about 85 radio stations outside Madras in rural parts?

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A.—Some receiving sets and loud speakers may, if funds permit, be provided by this Government in a limited number of towns and large villages within effective receiving range of the Government of India's medium wave station when it is established.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I ask whether the scheme has made any progress and at what stage the scheme stands to-day?"

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. BRACKEN:—" I had some discussion about this matter in Delhi when I was there; the Government of India British Broadcasting Expert has just arrived and after consultation with him I hope that some definite progress will be made."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether it is the intention of the Government to open radio stations in towns and municipalities first?"

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. BRACKEN:—" The British Broadcasting Expert is expected to come to Madras and after consultation with him, it will be possible to give a more definite answer."

Local Self-Government

Consultation with the District Collector and the Finance Department prior to the bifurcation of a district board.

* 553 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Collector concerned and the Finance Department of the Government are consulted before the bifurcation of each district board;

(*b*) if so, what remarks each of them offered in regard to the bifurcation of Tanjore, Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Guntur and North Arcot District Boards; and

(*c*) whether copies of them will be placed on the table?

A.—The Government are not prepared to furnish the information.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" It is stated that the Government are not prepared to furnish the information. May I know what difficulties there are in doing so?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" It is confidential and in public interests, it cannot be published."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" What is the real objection to furnish the simple answer to clause (*a*) of the question whether the District Collector concerned and the Finance Department were consulted before the bifurcation of these district boards?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" There is no particular rule that the District Collector should be consulted. Whenever we want any special information on the main question of bifurcation, we call for the information."